

The (True and Terrible) Ballad of (Evil) Ed Gooch

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E E7 A Am
Gather 'round children and I'll sing a song 'bout a happy young trapper and how he went wrong.
E E7 A D E
He came to this area without cat or pooch. This is the ballad of evil Ed Gooch.

E E7 A Am
He came to this town in the year thirty-two, but trap and burn Pic was all he could do.
E E7 A D E
A wife to light Pic and sometimes to smooch was sought at the Hoito by lonely Ed Gooch.

E E7
He got no response when he asked her, "How are ya?"
A Am
English was foreign to the ears of Miss Marja.
E E7
But she was almost pretty and could serve hash and hooch,
A D E
So Ed took her to church to be Mrs. Ed Gooch.

E E7 A Am
James, Shawn and BrYan and Joe were born then. Ken and his brother, who was also named Ken.
E E7 A D E
The table was so crowded they all had to skooch. The once happy family of evil Ed Gooch.

E D A E
Three dead bodies down the well. Three dead bodies down the well.
E D A E
Three dead bodies down the well. Ed pushed them in and down they fell.

E E7 A Am
But Pic made the brains of poor Ed become ill. He played Lottoscape and at night Lottokill.
E E7 A D E
Three down the well with an awful kersploch, the unlucky children of evil Ed Gooch.

Three dead bodies....

E E7 A Am
What came of Ed when his fam'ly left him, we don't really know. It could be quite grim.
E E7 A D E
Some see his lantern and say he's no mooch. He still kills for a living: that evil Ed Gooch.

Three dead bodies....

E E7 A Am
Ed's land was sold to make a new camp site. So, Ed and his fam'ly met Andy one night:
E E7 A D E
"Get offa my land or you will die if yooch – oose to remain!" said evil Ed Gooch.

Three dead bodies...

The Bible Camp at the gates of Hell. (sung simultaneously with "Ed pushed them....").